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Dear Bud, The nature of my finances, despite the popular fiction, is such that I have to think in terms of postage stamps. Because I anticipated no further delays in the manufacture of the book and did expect to be in Washington before this, I did not mail the enclosed memo and expense accounts (which LW did ask me to ask you to add to his bill, as you said). I did know that were I delayed Jim would encapsulate the memo. I can use the \$105.16.

Off and on over the years you have said you would have Ken make a bug sweep here. He appears willing and said he could last week when he, Jim and I conferred. He agreed with me that the thing to seek was bugs, not taps. There is no doubt of a ripoff here. There's doubt about who and when. I find it provocative that the theft was so pinpointed, with the great mass of material here. It has to have been by someone who knew, which is fairly limiting, off from someone overhearing, which means a bug.

If I didn't tell you, my motel room was entered when I went to dinner with Arvin and Maggie. Not anticipating he would take me to a fancy place I had only an advertising plastic portfolio for the papers I had taken. I didn't want to take it with me, so I jammed the most sensitive into my inside jacket pockets and arranged the portfolio so that I would know if it had been moved. It was. This is indicative of eavesdropping or shadowing. However, it was not the ripoff, which was here.

I suggested to him again last night that we use the public defender's (ugh) move for a forceful but polite taking of the initiative. I believe it is essential, more in the face of stonewalling and even more because we can expect others to follow suit. Moreover, it provides the prospect of the kind of news attention that is worthwhile. Best,